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who was involved in a struggle for power to control the
Howard Hughes, Nevada, Enterprises. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S) (U)

The above is submitted for your information and
no investigation is being conducted by the FBI concerning
this matter.

NOTE: The above information was obtained by Agents of our
Miami Office on 12/16/70, while in the Bahamas on official
business. (S) (U)

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[REDACTED] BOB MAHEU involved in the
power struggle in Las Vegas with the Howard Hughes company
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (139-3777)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (139-279) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], aka;

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Re Miami report of SA [REDACTED] ^{per. 4} 1/25/71; and
Bureau airtel to Miami, 1/28/71. ^{per. 3}

For information of receiving offices the following
additional information re subjects was obtained through inter-
view of subject [REDACTED] who is President of Investigators,
Inc.

Subjects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are employed by [REDACTED]
as investigators and work out of his Orlando, Florida, office
located at 999 Woodcock Road, Suite 100, telephone 841-2082.

[REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is currently attending the Arthur Backster
School of Polygraph, New York City.

According to [REDACTED] subject [REDACTED] was in Nassau
for some time prior to his arrival. According to subject
[REDACTED] gave up his law practice in California and

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moved to Las Vegas where he is employed by ROBERT MAHEU.
[redacted] states their client in this matter was MAHEU.

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Subjects [redacted] FAY [redacted] denied taking "bugging equipment" to the Bahamas and denied knowledge of current whereabouts of this equipment. [redacted] states equipment was already in hotel room when he arrived and was left in an airport locker when they left the Bahamas. [redacted]

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[redacted] states [redacted] who resides in Bahamas is [redacted]

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[redacted] interviewed and stated to his knowledge equipment was purchased in Bahamas by [redacted] and was left in airport locker in the Bahamas.

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For information of Bureau, four subjects, located in Miami, have been interviewed and efforts are currently being made to locate subject [redacted]. Efforts also being made to verify subjects' travel from Miami to Nassau. As indicated, leads have been set out for Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York and Tampa. Immediately upon receipt of requested investigation, Miami will submit a report.

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For information of receiving offices, Bureau has emphasized that this matter receive continuing investigative attention in order that it will be completed as soon as possible.

LEADS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date February 3, 1971

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at his office, advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and the purpose of the interview. He was advised of his rights, as reflected on a form entitled "Interrogation: Advice of Rights," which he read, stated he understood, but declined to sign the form. However, he stated he was willing to answer any questions and thereafter furnished the following information:

About December 14, 1970, [redacted]
[redacted] telephoned him at [redacted]
[redacted] and told him BOB MAHEU had called him and they were going to Nassau, Bahamas, for an assignment. He explained that ROBERT MAHEU was [redacted] client. He could not make the same flight to Nassau as the group and went over later via Eastern Airlines.

He went to the Britannia Beach Hotel upon arrival and stayed in a room completely separate from [redacted]

His purpose in being in the Bahamas was to spot HOWARD HUGHES and his specific assignment was to [redacted]
[redacted]

He was shown a photograph of the electronic equipment found in the hotel room and stated that this looked like part of the "bugging" equipment which was found in [redacted] room. He recalled seeing the equipment in [redacted] room and although he could guess the reason it was there, he could furnish no additional information about the equipment except that he heard it was placed in a locker at the Nassau airport.

On 1/27/71 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 139-279

SAs [redacted]
by and [redacted] sl1 Date dictated 2/2/71

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On December 16, 1970, he was in the lobby of the hotel when [redacted] approached him and asked him to accompany him to [redacted] room. Upon arrival in the hotel room, [redacted] first made accusations that the [redacted] group were carrying firearms. After satisfying [redacted] that they were not carrying firearms, they were told they would have to leave the Bahamas for working without a permit. They were taken to the airport and boarded a Pan American Airways plane to Miami.

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In connection with [redacted] it was his understanding [redacted] works for ROBERT MAHEU and had [redacted] to go to work for MAHEU in Las Vegas.

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[redacted]
He thinks one of [redacted] is named [redacted] and is on the payroll of MAHEU.

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He did not think much of [redacted] but stated [redacted] thought he was running the operation.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] is a friend of [redacted] and resides in the Bahamas. He said he is a white male, in his thirties, short, dumpy, and [redacted]. He thinks he is involved in some kind of [redacted] and seems to be [redacted].

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name
Sex
Race
Date of birth
Place of birth

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White
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but in the [redacted] area of Orlando, and picked up [redacted] who is [redacted] and then they drove to Miami Florida where they went to the home of [redacted]. Upon their arrival at [redacted] home, [redacted] and [redacted] were already there and they were waiting [redacted] and they drove to the Miami International Airport in [redacted] car accompanied by [redacted] who [redacted]. While at the airport they again called [redacted] and he said that he had [redacted] because he had thought they had been [redacted].

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[redacted] said that [redacted] got a plane at 8:30 A. M. and flew to Nassau in the Bahamas. He said that [redacted] acquired the tickets and definitely was [redacted]. He said he is unable to recall which airline they flew, but believed it was Eastern Airlines.

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He said that upon arrival in Nassau, [redacted] and then they went to the Paradise Hotel where they checked in. He said at about this time he was made aware that they were not there to guard HOWARD HUGHES, but to find out if he was in good health.

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[redacted] said that he was never advised as to who the principal employer of this group was. He said that so far as he was advised they were all working for [redacted]. He advised that he assumed from having read things in the newspapers that [redacted] probably was working for ROBERT MAHEU, but he was never directly advised about this.

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He said they checked into the hotel and almost immediately [redacted] were assigned to sit in the hotel parking lot and watch the windows of the ninth floor. They were told that the purpose was to attempt to physically observe HOWARD HUGHES. He said they made no effort to conceal their activities and he believed that very probably [redacted] wanted them to be seen. He said [redacted] was assigned to relieve them and [redacted] were assigned inside the hotel, apparently to be on the alert for HOWARD HUGHES. He said [redacted] on duty until about 5 A. M. on the following day at which time he was relieved. He said that at that time [redacted] and expressed this view to [redacted]. He said he went to bed

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To: SAC, Miami (139-279)
From: Director, FBI (139-3777)

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A review of Bureau files fails to reflect receipt of current investigation by your office. The need for continuous investigation has been emphasized in previous communications to you. This need has not abated.

The results of Laboratory examination, which was recently furnished to you, contains information which will require additional investigation.

If not already completed, Miami should insure that the following are identified and their association with the subjects, if any, are established:

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[redacted]
[redacted]
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These two were [redacted] at Britannia Beach Hotel, Room 525, the same time as subject, [redacted] and are believed to have been in [redacted] party. [redacted] has stated that two [redacted] in addition to [redacted] were working with Maneu. Both were in Nassau at approximately the same time as [redacted] and left just prior to [redacted] arrival. One is believed to have surname [redacted] and [redacted] may be or have knowledge of these [redacted]

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- Brennan, C.D.
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- Casper
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[redacted] who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] upon contact at his place of
employment. [redacted]

[redacted] was advised of the nature of this inquiry and thereafter furnished an Interrogation - Advice of Rights form which he appeared to read and thereafter affixed his signature thereon. [redacted] said that he would be happy to assist the FBI in any way he could and thereafter furnished the following information:

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He said that he first became slightly associated with ROBERT A. MAHEU about three years ago through [redacted] a former [redacted] who was MAHEU's [redacted]. He said that because of [redacted] MAHEU employed him various times to do some [redacted] work for him. He said that in [redacted] [redacted] he was offered a job with ROBERT A. MAHEU and Associates and he accepted this position indicating to Mr. MAHEU that he needed one month to wind up [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that he officially went on the MAHEU payroll on [redacted] although he did not go to Las Vegas, Nevada until [redacted]

He stated that on Friday, December 4, 1970, while in Las Vegas, Nevada, he received a call to contact [redacted] ROBERT A. MAHEU, at a hotel in [redacted]. He returned this call to [redacted] who requested him to come to [redacted] for a week or two. [redacted] left Las Vegas that night and arrived in [redacted] about 2:00 p.m. the following day. He said that he flew from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, California, and took, he believes, a Delta Airlines flight out of Los Angeles International Airport for [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he met with [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] said that [redacted] wanted him and [redacted] to go to Nassau that day to determine if HOWARD HUGHES was in Nassau. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was concerned about [redacted]

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On 3/5/71 at Newport Beach, California File # Los Angeles 139-271

by SA [redacted] and [redacted]
SA [redacted] JFB/bje Date dictated 3/8/71

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[redacted]
[redacted] said that [redacted] arranged for a
[redacted] and they left at [redacted]
from a private terminal out of [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] said that he was instructed to go to the
Imperial Beach Hotel in Nassau where it was believed that
HUGHES was possibly staying but was also told to check out
the Britannia Beach Hotel where it had also been rumored
that [redacted] may be.

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[redacted] said that he and [redacted] arrived at Nassau
about [redacted] and went to the Imperial Beach Hotel where
they registered into Room 226 and another room for one night.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] had assigned him to be
alert to look for an entire floor of the hotel which would
have the shades drawn and to attempt to determine if someone
on that floor had prunes for breakfast every morning. He
was also given a description of the five HUGHES male secretaries
who always accompany him everywhere he goes. He said that his
only equipment was one set of binoculars with zoom lens and
a camera with telescopic lens. He said that after checking
out the Imperial Beach Hotel for one and a half or two days
and learning that you could walk anyplace on any of the floors
without being challenged, he decided that HUGHES was not at
this hotel. At this time he called [redacted] and told him
of his observations and [redacted] agreed that he should move
onto the Britannia.

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[redacted] said that at the Britannia, he obtained
Room 826 and in a short time learned that no one could get
off the elevator on the ninth floor and that the stairwells
were all locked leading to the ninth floor. A charting of
the position of the blinds on the ninth floor and from the
obvious security, he formed the opinion that Mr. HUGHES was
probably maintaining his quarters on the ninth floor of this
hotel. Later he was able to identify [redacted] one of
Mr. HUGHES' male secretaries, as being at the hotel and this
more or less confirmed in his own mind that Mr. HUGHES was
in fact on the ninth floor of this hotel. He said that he
and [redacted] continued their observation of the activities

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[redacted] Upon entering the room, he observed several items which appeared to him to be possibly listening devices on the table in [redacted] room. He said that this was the first time that he saw these items and he has no technical knowledge about such equipment and would not know how to describe or identify the items which he then observed. He explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] They began questioning [redacted] but soon looked through the door way and saw the equipment in [redacted] room and entered this room and also began questioning [redacted] and the 65 year old man who had also been present in [redacted] room.

[redacted] said that he wished to emphasize that there had been no discussion with [redacted] prior to the entrance of the police about the listening equipment which he observed and he had no idea as to where this equipment was obtained, who brought it into the hotel, or the purpose for which it was to be used. He said, however, that he did know for a fact that this equipment was not hooked up and had not been used in connection with the HUGHES' matter at this hotel.

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[redacted] had obtained this equipment from an individual he identified only as a friend on the island. [redacted] said, however, that when he and the others left Nassau, at the request of the police, [redacted] put this electronic gear into an airport locker and left a note at the car rental facility for this friend to dispose of the equipment. He said that [redacted] put this equipment into a locker at the airport.

[redacted] said that he wished to make it clear that he at no time had any knowledge that any electronic equipment was to be used in connection with his assignment and that he had nothing to do with the equipment being brought to the hotel room. [redacted] said that El Pak is an electronics manufacturing concern which manufactures capacitors and preferential computer equipment. This concern was controlled by Robert A. Maheu and Associates until last Thursday when the controlling interest was sold to [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he expects to wind up his capacity here as corporate attorney for MAHEU within the next few

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Date 3/8/71

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[redacted] upon contact at the residence of [redacted] advised that he is a friend of [redacted] and that [redacted] would not be available at his residence until late [redacted]. He said that he would be happy to contact [redacted] at his employment telephonically and that agents could speak to him at that time in order to set up an appointment with him.

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[redacted] advised that he, like [redacted] had been employed [redacted] for ROBERT A. MAHEU and would be happy to furnish any information that he may have to interviewing agents.

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[redacted] was furnished an Interrogation - Advice of Rights form which he appeared to read after which he advised that he understood his rights and affixed his signature to this form.

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[redacted] said that he was hired by ROBERT A. MAHEU in [redacted] as [redacted] to do international work. He said that he was hired specifically in connection with [redacted] project in [redacted]. He said that prior to that he was [redacted] with [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated, however, that he had terminated his employment officially with the MAHEU organization on [redacted] although he continues to work on some of the matters which he had not completed without compensation. [redacted] advised that it is his understanding that perhaps there were some employees of ROBERT A. MAHEU who may have gone to the Bahamas in behalf of MAHEU and that [redacted] may have been one of these individuals but that he could furnish no information regarding this trip, if there had in fact been such a trip.

On 3/5/71 at Downey, California File # Los Angeles 139-271

by SA [redacted] and [redacted]
SA [redacted] JFB/bje 7 Date dictated 3/8/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 1, 1971

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[redacted]
[redacted] Resorts International, Paradise Island, advised [redacted] recently in Las Vegas, Nevada, for Inter-Tel, a subsidiary of Resorts International, conducting investigations in behalf of the Howard Hughes Nevada operations, that in early or mid-January, 1971, while he and [redacted] a co-employee, had taken some [redacted] out of

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[redacted] to [redacted] he observed in the [redacted] in addition to other items, several boxes. [redacted] explained that [redacted] was not allowed in [redacted] subsequent to the severance of [redacted] relationship with the Hughes organization, and the aforementioned [redacted] were taken by himself and [redacted] to [redacted] at his, [redacted] request. (U)

[redacted] stated that Inter-Tel personnel, including [redacted] had inventoried property contained in the various offices and facilities belonging to the Hughes organization. (U)

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[redacted] stated he observed somewhere between eight and twelve [redacted] with [redacted] in [redacted] during a one and one-half hour period, and additionally, observed a cardboard box which contained no markings: however a [redacted]

[redacted] stated that in response to his looking at this box, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated the box was approximately 18" x 18" x 18". He advised that he had seen the pictures of the electronic equipment confiscated in the rooms by the Bahamas Police Force at the time [redacted] and other people representing [redacted] were at the hotel, and the [redacted] he observed [redacted] appeared to be

On 5-26-71 at Nassau, Bahamas

File # Miami 139-279

by SA [redacted] al

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Date 6/24/71

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted] and provided the following information: X

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[redacted] who lives [redacted] She stated that [redacted] can be reached at telephone number [redacted] in [redacted]

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[redacted] is married and his wife's name is [redacted] resides at [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] (telephone number [redacted])

[redacted] is a former [redacted] and former [redacted] He allegedly is currently employed by [redacted] as a [redacted]

[redacted] recently married within the last within the last year, and his wife's name is [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] is now working or did work for Maheu Industries as a secretary.

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[redacted] stated that he last saw his brother, [redacted] shortly before Christmas in 1970. He had received a telephone call from his brother, [redacted] while he was in the Bahamas on business, and [redacted] later stopped at their residence while en route to Las Vegas.

[redacted] stated that his brother did not stay at their home for a very long period of time, and did not talk about the type of business involved. [redacted] stated however, that he got the impression that it involved HOWARD HUGHES, but could not elaborate any further.

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[redacted] stated that he and his brothers are [redacted]

On 6/22/71 at St. Petersburg, Florida File # Tampa 139-157

by SA [redacted] egs Date dictated 6/23/71

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Date 7/8/71

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[redacted] appeared at the Las Vegas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 7, 1971. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. He was furnished an advice of rights form which he read and thereafter signed.

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In December of 1970 while on vacation from his regular employment he was asked to accompany [redacted] known to him as [redacted] on a trip to the Bahamas. This request, as he recalled, was received from either ROBERT MAHEU or [redacted] it being noted [redacted] is employed by [redacted] as [redacted]. As he understood, the purpose of the travel to Nassau in the Bahamas was to determine if HOWARD HUGHES was then staying in Nassau.

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[redacted] flew from Florida to Nassau on or about December 4, 1970. The expenses for all travel were paid by ROBERT MAHEU, to the best of his knowledge.

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Upon arrival in Nassau they stayed for two days, as he recalled, in a hotel which he does not recall but does recall that the name of the hotel had Beach in it. While staying in this hotel for two days he was able to walk freely throughout all the floors of the hotel, and it seemed apparent that HUGHES was not a guest or resident of that hotel. Thereafter he and [redacted] moved to the Britannia Hotel where they stayed for approximately seven days. As he recalled, they were in a room on the eighth floor. During this period of time only he and [redacted] were present in the room. He observed no surveillance equipment

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On 7/7/71 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 62-582

by SA [redacted] jhp Date dictated 7/8/71

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TO DIRECTOR (139-3777)

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FROM SAN DIEGO (139-59)

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RE MM TEL TO WA NOVEMBER TEN, LAST, LOS ANGELES TEL TO SD NOVEMBER ELEVEN, INSTANT, AND SD TELCALLS TO LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI NOVEMBER ELEVEN, INSTANT.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED NOVEMBER ELEVEN, INSTANT, AT HIS RESIDENCE [REDACTED] SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA. HE SAID IN LATTER PART OF NINETEEN SEVENTY WHILE EMPLOYED AS A BOAT SKIPPER BY ONE HUGHES TOOL COMPANY AND WHILE AT HIS HOME IN NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HE WAS INSTRUCTED FROM LAS VEGAS TO GO TO THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THERE HE MET PETER MAYHEU AND [REDACTED] HUGHES TOOL COMPANY OFFICIALS AND FLEW WITH THEM TO MIAMI. HE WAS TOLD ON THE TRIP THAT HOWARD HUGHES HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND THEY WERE GOING TO MIAMI TO STANDBY. THEY

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NO TRIP WAS MADE TO THE BAHAMAS IN THIS YACHT AND HE DID NOT SEE NOR PICK UP HOWARD HUGHES.

HE SAID AT TIME OF RENTAL OF YACHT THE FREMONT HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS MAILED [] A SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY CHECK AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR YACHT RENTAL BUT THAT [] HELD THE CHECK SEVERAL DAYS AND PAYMENT HAD BEEN STOPPED ON THE CHECK WHEN IT WAS FINALLY PRESENTED AT THE BANK. [] SAID HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY REIMBURSED [] OUT OF PERSONAL FUNDS AND NOW [] IS ATTEMPTING RECOVERY OF ABOUT THIRTY FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM ROBERT MAYHEU'S ATTORNEYS FOR THIS YACHT RENTAL.

[] NOT ACQUAINTED WITH [] BUT RECALLED AN ATTORNEY NAMED [] WHOM HE BELIEVED HE MET IN FT. LAUDERDALE.

[] SAID HE WAS ONE OF TWENTY PEOPLE ALONG WITH ROBERT MAYHEU WHO WERE FIRED BY HOWARD HUGHES AND HE WAS SO NOTIFIED BY ROBERT MAYHEU ON JANUARY ONE, LAST.

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He said consequently no trip was made to the Bahamas, and he did not see or pick up HOWARD HUGHES.

[redacted] further explained that [redacted] held the Fremont Hotel check for \$7,280 for several days prior to presenting it to the bank for payment and that by the time he did present the check for payment, the payment had been ordered stopped on the check. [redacted] said he was so advised of this by [redacted] and that he, [redacted]

[redacted] and that now he, [redacted] is attempting recovery of about [redacted] in connection with this yacht rental from ROBERT MAYHEU's attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] said he is not acquainted with [redacted] but said he believed he met an attorney named [redacted] during the time he was in Ft. Lauderdale as described above. [redacted] said he would guess he was in Ft. Lauderdale on this occasion for a total of about three weeks.

[redacted] said he was one of twenty people along with ROBERT MAYHEU, who was fired by HOWARD HUGHES, and he was so notified by ROBERT MAYHEU of this firing on January 1, 1971.

[redacted] additionally advised that [redacted] is currently a very sick man and that [redacted] and [redacted] is probably at his residence in [redacted]

[redacted] said he has just about retired from his sea-going career and that he is currently affiliated as a salesman with [redacted] in [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bates *owb/785*

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FROM: [redacted] *owb/785*

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This is to advise that a Federal grand jury at Miami, Florida, will hear the facts on 11/11 and 12/71 of the attempt to eavesdrop on the suite of Howard Hughes at the Britannia Beach Hotel, Nassau, in December, 1970, by associates of Robert Maheu, former Special Agent and manager of Hughes' investments. Maheu, at that time, was engaged in a court fight to retain his position in the Hughes' organization.

BACKGROUND: During inquiries by our Miami Office in Nassau, Bahama Islands, concerning the alleged kidnaping of Howard Hughes in December, 1970, it was learned that eight Americans had been caught with eavesdropping equipment and cameras in the rooms below Hughes' suite in the Britannia Beach Hotel, Nassau, on 12/16/70. The equipment was allegedly brought to Nassau from Miami by these men. All were immediately deported by the Royal Bahama Police. This group included [redacted] and employee of Robert A. Maheu; [redacted] from [redacted] and six employees of [redacted]

[redacted] Our investigation has disclosed [redacted] had been sent to [redacted] by [redacted] allegedly to locate Hughes. [redacted] instructed that a surveillance be instituted on Hughes, but the electronic eavesdropping equipment was discovered by Nassau authorities before being put to use. The FBI Laboratory has concluded this equipment is of the type advertised by Silmar Electronics, Inc., Miami, Florida, and is useful in surreptitious interception of communications. No such equipment is manufactured or retailed in Nassau, and [redacted] has identified it as his product, but claims he does not know to whom or when it was sold. (X) 4

[redacted] and one employee have acknowledged to local Nassau authorities responsibility for bringing the equipment to Nassau. Neither [redacted] nor any of [redacted] employees would admit to FBI to the transportation of this equipment in foreign commerce. (X) 4

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Garbage and Grand Jury Figure in Howard Hughes Controversy

By WALLACE TURNER

Special to The New York Times

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 17 — Howard Hughes is gone from here but the battle lingers on, with a Miami grand jury sifting testimony and Hughes detectives sifting the garbage of a man who has sued the mysterious billionaire.

Peter Maheu, the 29-year-old son of Robert A. Maheu, a principal in the continuing controversy surrounding the Hughes enterprises, has been before the Miami grand jury. He suspects he is a target of its investigation.

Through it all, no one has seen Mr. Hughes, who will be 66 years old Christmas Eve. He has disappeared as completely in Nassau in the Bahamas—if, indeed, he is there—as he did in the four years he reportedly lived in a penthouse at the Desert Inn, a hotel-casino on the Strip here.

Until Mr. Hughes left here last Nov. 25, Robert Maheu controlled Hughes Nevada Operations, a \$300-million group of casinos, hotels, airports, ranches and apartments.

After much bitter litigation, Mr. Maheu, a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was ousted by a group of Hughes Tool Company officials from Houston, led by Chester C. Davis, a New York lawyer.

Victorious in Court

In the ensuing 12 months, Hughes Tool has won a series of court tests and rulings from administrative agencies, such as the Nevada Gaming Commission, that have forced Mr. Maheu out of any connection with the Hughes properties in Nevada.

In each of the contests, the Hughes Tool group has been able at some point to produce a letter, or a telephone call from Mr. Hughes, or his fingerprints on a piece of paper. These devices have been used on messages that designate Mr. Davis or some of his allies as the managers of the Nevada enterprises.

Mr. Hughes, however, has not been seen for more than a decade by anyone who will talk about it. Robert Maheu has sued Mr. Hughes for \$50-million, alleging damages incurred from his dismissal, and Hughes Tool agents have evicted Mr. Maheu from the \$800,000 house built for him with Hughes money on the Desert Inn golf course.

Mr. Maheu said that last week he caught agents of the security staff for the Hughes properties here in an arrangement whereby they bought his garbage from the garbage truck operators who picked it up. Mr. Maheu said he assumed it was being sifted for evidence to use in the trial of his suit.

The grand jury investigation in Miami is directed toward discovering if there were violations of Federal laws that prohibit the exporting of electronic surveillance equipment. The investigation concerns the time when Peter Maheu sent a team of investigators to Nassau from Miami to try to discover if Mr. Hughes was really in the Britannia Beach Hotel on Paradise Island.

The investigators worked for Investigators, Inc., of Miami, a company operated by E. L. DuBois 3d. It was founded by his father, E. L. DuBois Jr., who was a contemporary in the F.B.I. with Robert Maheu.

Pressure Is Alleged

Both the younger Mr. DuBois and Peter Maheu have said they believe the grand jury investigation is the result of pressures brought to bear by Robert D. Pelouin, president of International Intelligence, known also as Intertel, which has represented Hughes Tool in security matters for more than a year.

Mr. Pelouin was formerly an attorney in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. Many of his associates in Intertel were formerly officials in various Government agencies.

"My personal feelings are that it shows how a powerful individual can manipulate the U. S. Government agencies," Mr. DuBois, in a telephone interview, said of Mr. Pelouin and the grand jury investigation.

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Peter Maheu, who is now unemployed and living in Tucson, Ariz., testified voluntarily before the Miami grand jury late last week. He said he appeared for an hour 40 minutes over two days. He said he had told the grand jury that Howard Hughes now weighs 97 pounds, has long gray hair and a beard, and has fingernails and toenails eight inches long.

Hughes' Aides Cited

In a telephone interview, Mr. Maheu said he had related statements made to him by F. W. Gay, a Hughes Tool vice president, in a conversation in the autumn of 1969, while Mr. Hughes was still said to be living at the Desert Inn here.

Mr. Gay had not seen Mr. Hughes, Mr. Maheu said, but was repeating what he had been told by some of the five men who serve Mr. Hughes as executive assistants and are the only persons who see him regularly. Mr. Gay could not be reached for comment on Mr. Maheu's statements.

Mr. Maheu said that while

he was before the grand jury he was asked about the use of electronic surveillance devices that were found in the Britannia Beach Hotel in December, 1970, when Mr. DuBois and his employees were discovered in a room beneath those reportedly occupied by Mr. Hughes and his party. He would not say what his testimony on those questions had been.

Mr. Maheu echoed Mr. DuBois' charge that the grand jury investigation had been instigated by Mr. Peloquin.

Mr. Peloquin, in a telephone interview, said that he had not instituted any proceedings in the matter. He said that the Miami investigators had been found in the Britannia Beach Hotel by Bahamian police and members of the Intertel staff, who also provide security for that hotel. They found that the DuBois group had electronic surveillance equipment, which is illegal in the Bahamas, he said.

The DuBois group was, deported from Nassau after being questioned.

Within the week after Mr. Hughes disappeared from the Desert Inn last year, Robert Maheu's forces decided that he was probably in Nassau. Peter Maheu, accompanied by Dean Elson, a former F.B.I. agent on the Maheu staff, and Doug Priest, the captain of Alouette II, the Maheu yacht at Newport Beach, Calif., went to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

They did not go to Nassau, Peter Maheu said.

Al Bishop, now a public relations man in Las Vegas but then a member of the Maheu

staff, said he had testified to the Miami grand jury. He said he had testified that he understood the Maheu organization had been exploring ways to bring Howard Hughes out of the Bahamas by boat.

Subpoenaed for Jury

"At that time I thought, and all of us did, that Howard Hughes had been taken against his will," Mr. Bishop said in a telephone interview. "The word 'kidnap' might have been used, but it was to describe what we thought had been done to get him to Nassau. None of the Maheu people had any thought of holding him for ransom or of removing him from Nassau against his will."

Meantime, about a score of persons have been subpoenaed to testify before the Miami grand jury. Some of them are Mr. DuBois's investigators and some are employees of various elements of the Hughes enterprises.

Their evidence concerns how certain electronic eavesdropping equipment seen in the DuBois party's room came to be in Nassau. The thrust of the investigation is to discover if it was taken there from Miami. This could be a violation of Federal law.

Mr. DuBois, who has not testified to the grand jury, said that all the electronic gear had been bought in Nassau, which he described as "a hub of international commerce and intrigue."

"We didn't take it over there," he said.

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A guard is stationed on roof of the Britannia Beach Hotel on Paradise Island, Nassau, where Howard Hughes has been reported to be living. But Mr. Hughes has not been seen.



Associated Press

Robert A. Maheu has sued for alleged damages by Mr. Hughes, by whom he was employed in Nevada.



Associated Press

Peter Maheu, son of Robert, is under investigation in Miami in connection with his father's case.



The New York Times

Robert D. Pelouquin heads International Intelligence, handling security for the Hughes Tool Company.

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Howard Hughes' Forces Rebuff Search

LOS ANGELES—Bahamian authorities agreed to issue a search warrant to force entry into Howard Hughes' Nassau penthouse last December, private investigators told a federal grand jury in Miami.

But, they said, before it could be implemented, a group of agents on the Hughes payroll blocked the move.

Details of the investigators' testimony was learned Monday as federal authorities, meanwhile, were weighing what was uncovered at last week's inquiry into intrigues accompanying the billionaire's move to Nassau in December last year.

The same grand jury is to meet again Friday. It wasn't known whether it will continue its probe into the Hughes matter.

Sources close to the investigation say the jury sought to find out if private detectives sent to the Bahamas by Robert A. Maheu

may have illegally transported listening devices across state lines.

Maheu, then newly deposed as Hughes' top Nevada aide, said at the time that he was seeking to learn Hughes' whereabouts and state of his health.

The grand jury heard testimony about listening devices at sessions last Thursday and Friday, including denials from men hired by Maheu that they had taken the devices to Nassau from the United States.

But testimony also included tales of plots, probes and countermoves by agents for Maheu and the Hughes Tool Co. In the end the Hughes forces won.

Early in the week of Dec. 13, Maheu's forces were ahead, according to

their testimony before the Miami jury. Their story:

Since Dec. 5 they had been in Nassau, in a room directly beneath the ninth-floor penthouse of the Britannia Beach Hotel reportedly occupied by Howard Hughes.

They believed themselves undetected by hotel security forces and Intertel, the agency which had slipped Howard Hughes from under the control of Maheu-hired guards in Las Vegas the previous Thanksgiving.

They had a doctor and a boat standing by. They had charts of Bahamian waters. They had contingency plans for taking Hughes out of the Bahamas if they had reached him and found—as Maheu believed—that Hughes was being held

against his will.

On Dec. 14 Maheu men from a Miami detective agency, Investigators, Inc., went to the Bahamian Attorney General's office and apparently convinced officials that Hughes might need help. The authorities said they would enter the Hughes suite Dec. 16 with a search warrant, and the Maheu men, they said, could come along.

Then Intertel struck. It convinced the Bahamian government to drop the search plan and, instead, to move against the Maheu forces. When a door burst open, it was the Maheu men's door. Bahamian police entered with Intertel's James O. Golden.

Twelve hours more and Maheu's forces might have been in the Hughes pent-

house, answering, perhaps, questions which have been argued in and out of court for almost all of 1971.

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Instead, that same afternoon, they were being deported back to Miami for what Prime Minister Lynden P. Pindling termed "working without a permit."

Golden, now chief of security for the Hughes Ne-

vada hotel properties, was one of 20 persons subpoenaed by the secret grand jury probe.

The others included four Investigators, Inc. agents, two Bahamian policemen, two attorneys previously associated with Maheu, a Las Vegas private detective and a Montreal public relations man.

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This matter presented Federal Grand Jury, Miami, 11/11, 12/71 by Departmental Attorney (DA). DA did not seek indictments at that time and contemplates additional Grand Jury action in December, 1971. Former boat captain employed by ROBERT MAHEU interviewed and results set forth. Attorney General of the Bahamas interviewed as well as two current secretaries [REDACTED] and one former secretary. Former secretary stated she has seen green plaid tote bag in [REDACTED] on numerous occasions. She also stated the two electronic devices designated as Q3 and Q4 were familiar as she had seen [REDACTED] place a similar object in the office air conditioning unit. Airline ticket reflecting subject FAY's travel from Miami to Nassau on 12/16/70, located. (U)

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DETAILS:

On November 11, 1971, and November 12, 1971, this matter was presented to the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida, by Departmental Attorney JAMES WHITTEN. Mr. WHITTEN did not seek indictments at that time but questioned witnesses before the Grand Jury and contemplates further Grand Jury action during December, 1971.

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Memorandum

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The Federal Grand Jury at Miami, which began hearing evidence on 11/11 and 12/71, of the attempt by associates of Robert A. Maheu in December, 1970, to eavesdrop on the suite of Howard Hughes at the Britannia Beach Hotel, Nassau, will hear additional testimony on 1/13/72. (Maheu is a former Special Agent and manager of Hughes' investments; and in December, 1970, was engaged in a court fight to retain his position in the Hughes organization.)

This is the case in which [redacted] employed by Robert A. Maheu; [redacted] and six [redacted] were caught by Nassau authorities with eavesdropping equipment and cameras in the rooms below Howard Hughes' suite at the Britannia Beach Hotel, Nassau, in December, 1970.

[redacted] Our investigation disclosed that [redacted] were in Nassau, on instructions of [redacted] to locate Howard Hughes. Some of the equipment in their possession was manufactured by a Miami firm, Silmar Electronics, Inc., and is the type prohibited under the Interception of Communications Statutes. None of this group would admit to us to the transportation of this equipment in foreign commerce, but [redacted] and one employee, John J. Fay, did acknowledge to Nassau authorities that they were responsible for bringing equipment to Nassau.

The Federal Grand Jury will not be asked to return any indictment on January 13, 1972, however, the Criminal Division continues to believe [redacted] and Fay are culpable under Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2 (Aiding and Abetting) and 2512 (Transporting a device designed for surreptitious eavesdropping in foreign commerce), and indictments will be sought at a later date.

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